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**National Center for Environmental Assessment
Weekly Report for June 14, 2017**

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Notables listed below, *30 Day Outlook for Presentations and External Meetings* attached.

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PUBLIC ACTIVITIES/EVENTS (chronological)

International Systematic Review Meeting. On June 18th-20th, Kris Thayer will attend a meeting of CAMRADES in Ulvon, Sweden. CAMRADES stands for Collaborative Approach to Meta Analysis and Review of Animal Data from Experimental Studies. The focus of this meeting will be quantitative methods for analyzing animal data from across studies, automation tools to facilitate the process of systematic review, and use of structured frameworks for describing the results of animal SRs that increases transparency in decision-making.

Other Items

California OEHHA Meeting. On June 7, 2017, Michael Stewart, John Vandenberg, Annie Jarabek and Ted Burner along with a number of representatives from OAR/OAQPS, met with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to discuss their process for deriving and peer reviewing reference levels (RELs) for toxic air pollutants. EPA was particularly interested in OEHHA's conclusion that a toxicokinetic uncertainty factor of 3 was no longer sufficient to protect children's health in numerous cases. An additional meeting will be scheduled to particularly discuss OEHHA's recently updated benzene REL.

Toxicity of PCBs Meeting. On June 7, Geniece Lehmann participated in a meeting between EPA Region 2 and leaders of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe regarding the toxicity of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), specifically in the context of the tribe's exposure to PCBs and

the impacts that those exposures have had on their community located in upstate New York. Dr. Lehmann's presentation, which was the focal point of the meeting, described the IRIS process for evaluating the non-cancer toxicity of PCBs, including the role of systematic review and available approaches for addressing health risk from PCB inhalation. At the conclusion of the meeting, Ken Jock from Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Environment and Tribal Council Chief Beverly Cook thanked Dr. Lehmann for her participation and characterized the discussions at the meeting as "very useful". Chloe Metz, Chief of the Technical Support Section for R2, also thanked Geniece and characterized her presentation as excellent and "a thoughtful approach that really resonated with the tribal leaders".

Perchlorate BBDR Model Briefings. On June 7 and 8th, Paul Schlosser provided high-level briefings describing the perchlorate biologically based dose response (BBDR) modeling effort that will be used to inform the Office of Water MCLG determination for perchlorate. The meetings also allowed for input from OW and ORD-internal peer reviewers and dialogue between these reviewers, the model development team, and other internal stakeholders.

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